FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Orchard Fertilizattion Will Help Up Profits

A good fertilization program will insure success in the apple business.

If an apple tree is to produce large crops of high quality fruit year after year, it must be fertilized annually. In Virginia, nitrogen is the main material that must be supplied. If the leaves are somewhat yellow and growth is poor, nitrogen supplies are too low. On the other hand, as over - vigorous tree with dark green leaves is an indication that the nitrogen supply is too high.

Although fertilization should be adjusted to tree response there is a rule of thumb that isn't too far off. Generally, apply a fourth of a pound of 20 per cent nitrogen carrier for each year of the tree. By this rule, a 20-year old tree would receive about five pounds of a 20 per cent nitrogen fertilizer. Remember the tree is the best indicator of nitrogen needs, so let it help you decide.

If you prune heavily, or plan to, cut the amount of fertilizer slightly. If the tree had a heavy crop of fruit the past year and you have'nt done much pruning, increase the amount slightly. To be available by the time the buds break, the fertilizer should be applied during February or early March. Some growers put on 1-2 to 2-3 of the nitrogen around December 1, and then put the rest on in the spring.

A typical "cover crop orchard" is in reality one plot of ground which supports two different crops. So it is best to fertilize the tree and the cover crop separately. Fertilize the cover crop only as the need arises. Legumes do best on such combinations of 0-14-14, 2-12-12 or 0-16-18. For non legumes use 4-16-8, 5-10-10, or 10-10-10. Every few years when the cover crop shows the need of fertilizer, apply it in February or early March.

When applying nitrogen around the tree, be sure it is spread-evenly to the drip-line of the tree, extending from the ends of the limbs to a couple of feet from the trunk of the tree. This is the area where the small feeder roots are.

IS Dairy Feeding Getting Too Complex?

Is the business of feeding dairy cattle getting too complicated?

Several tests have indicated that as long as cows eat liberal amounts of good forage, the simple grain mixtures, or even single rations will be as productive as complex mixtures.

For instance, the USDA has found that single grains such as ground barley and ground corn gave essentially the same production as complex grain mixtures when used as supplements to good quality alfalfa hay and corn silage. This indicates that when cows have a chance to eat as much good hay and silage as they like, it makes little difference whether the additional nutrients required come from a single grain, or a variety of grains and other products.

Research in Ohio showed that there was no difference in rate of consumption or milk production when a admixture of corn, oats, wheat bran, molasses, dried beet pulp, linseed oil meal, and minerals was compared with a simple mixture of corn, soybean oil meal, and minerals.

Recently, Michigan scientists found that cows fed oats as the only grain produced 438 pounds more milk on 22 pounds less supplement than did cows receiving a mixture at wheat, corn and oats.

Another common dairy - feeding practice is being challenged by some researchers . . . that of basing the protein content of the concentrate mixture on thhe quality of forage available for feeding. The usual recommended level of total protein in the grain mixture varies from 10 to 12 per cent in the case of excellent quality forage to 20 to 24 per cent in the cases of poor quality roughage. There are indications that the protein content of the grain ration may be reduced 3 to 4 percentage points below that now recommended.

Some scientists believe that increasing the protein content of the grain mixture as the forage becomes poorer in quality (the basis of the present recommendations) is not the proper way to balance the dairy ration. They reason that as forage quality declines, because of advanced maturity or poor curing conditions, its energy value as well as its protein value decreases.

Therefore, more grain must be fed to meet the animal's need for energy. In this situation, the increased consumption of grain would tend to satisfy the protein need as well as the energy need of the animal.

VPI research has shown that ground shelled corn gives results equal to a high protein supplement when fed with good quality hay silage or when fed to cows on excellent grass-legume pasture. This indicates that when good to excellent quality forage is fed, the limiting nutrient is energy and not protein. Since protein is the highest priced nutrient that the dairyman usually feeds, a substantial saving could be made if high quality forage constituted a greater proportion of the dairy cow's ration.

Top Dress Pastures

Many pastures in Virginia are in dire need of fertilizer top-dressing.

Low production during the drouth years, and lower farm prices have led farmers to reduce the amount of top-dressing on pastures. Animals have been permitted to over-graze. As a result, weeds and broomsedge have come back in many pastures.

It's bad business to short-change on fertilizer. Experimental pastures at the Middleburg branch of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station which received moderate applications of fertilizer each year, stood up well during the drouth.

Good pastures will give high yields of quality forage, two weeks earlier grazing in the spring, and two weeks later grazing in the fall. A system of pastures well managed and fertilized should furnish from 210 to 280 days of grazing each year. Good pastures will furnish 100 pounds of total digestible nutrients for less than $1 while 100 pounds of total digestible nutrients cost $5 from grain at $75 a ton.

Notes From The County Agent's Desk

Several days ago I was talking with Bill Smith, and he tells me that treating posts with a preservative is even less costly that he had been led to believe. He thinned out an area of pine and cut 180, 6-5 feet posts, Figuring all cost $.75 for gas used to peel posts, 2.5 gallons pentochlorophenal $5.00— 25 gallons fuel oil $3.75—labor at $1.-00 an hour, $16.00. Cost per post, $0.13.

Bill is enthusiastic over the possibilities of farmers improving their woodlands by thinning and at the same time having treated posts to use for fencing.

Several have asked how to control Chickweed in established lawns. Effective control can be had by spraying with dinitro (DNOSBP). Use 4 ounces or 8 tablespoonfuls per gallon of water. This amount will cover 1000 square feet of lawn. Apply before grass begins to grow. The temperature should be about 60 to 70 degrees F.

Now is a good time to check to see if it will be necessary to reseed ladino clover to the grass mixture, if you do not have a balanced mixture. Seed two pounds of clover and if additional grazing is desired for this year add 5 to 10 pounds of lespedeza and-or 3 to 5 pounds of red clover. It will pay to run a cultipacker over the seed. Add 400 to 800 pounds of 0-14-14 or 1-10-20.

Two new bulletins are available at the county agent's office. Vegetable Gardening in Virginia, and Egg Quality. Others that may be helpful at this season are Nut Trees for Home Planting, Fruit Varieties for Virginia, and Grape Raising in Virginia.

MILK MARKETING STUDY REPORTED AT VPI

Why don't many people drink as much milk as they should was the question that prompted a study of milk marketing and family use of dairy products in Virginia.

The study was conducted in Danville, and included interviews with 878 families, several private retailers, and chain stores. Here is what the researchers discovered:

About 40 per cent of the families used less than 90 per cent of the amount of dairy products recommended. The white male of 16 to 19 years drank the most milk. Children of each race and sex aged 6-12 and 13-15, drank the next largest quantities, usually one-half pint per meal. All these children were of school age, and their higher intake doubtless is a result of the use of milk during the lunch period. Milk consumption was greater for white families than for Negro families; per family milk consumption increased with income, and increased as homemaker's education increased, and was greater for families with children.

For the total group, the average weekly consumption per person was 2.6 quarts for fresh fluid milk and 4.2 quarts for milk equivalent.

About 25 per cent of the total money for food went for dairy products. About half of the families said they would like more money to spend for food. Most of them wanted to spend it on either more or better cuts of meat.

Only a little over half of the homemakers seemed to recognize the nutritive value of milk.

The researchers have reached certain conclusions on the basis of the study and have made recommendations which they believe will be of help to nutritionists in their educational programs and to the industry in its marketing program.

They say educational and promotional programs directed to adults of both races and designed to further knowledge of the nutritive value of milk would be effective in increasing the use of sales of milk and milk products.

They urge the continuation of the present school lunch programs, and the teaching of good nutrition in public school porgrams. They say more investigation is needed to determine the best ways to educate the public informally.

A study of food consumption of four counties in Southside Virginia in 1948, and a later nutritional status study among women employed in two Virginia industries, showed the calcium intake of many individuals was below the recommended amounts. As milk and milk products are the main sources of calcium in the diet, their use should be increased.

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School News

Appomattox Senior 4-H Club

The Appomattox Senior 4 - H Club held its regular meeting on February 1, 1957. The program for this meeting was tryouts for the "Share-the-Fun" contest and speaker's contest. As you can imagine, we had an unusual program. Those participating in the "Share-the-Fun" contest were as follows: Janice McClenny, who played "Meditation" at the piano; Mary Anna McDearmon, who portrayed Elvis Presley; and Leon Bryan, who played his guitar and sang, "Singing the Blues." In selecting the winner, Miss Laura Mottley and Mrs. S. S. Shouse, who acted as judges, had a difficult time. Mary Anna was selected as the winner of this contest.

Our other contest was a speaker's contest, in which Penny Abbitt and Helen Martin participated. Penny was the winner in this contest.

A county elimination contest will be held at a later date. Nevertheless, we are wishing Mary Anna and Penny much success in this contest.

—Janice McClenny, Reporter

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Monday, Feb. 11- Cream of tomato soup, with crackers, 1-2 cheese sandwich, peaches, devil's food cake, 1-2 pt. milk.

Tues., Feb. 12.- Chili con carne, blackeyed peas, mixed greens, hot batter bread, fruit cup, 1-2 pt. milk.

Wed., Feb. 13.- Hot dog on roll, with dressing; spaghetti, cole slaw, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Thurs., Feb. 14.- Creamed turkey on toasted bun, whipped potatoes, string beans, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Friday, Feb. 15.- Vegetable stew with crackers, 1-2 egg salad and wich, blue plums, cookies, 1-2 pt. milk.

DO Wins First Places

The Appomattox Diversified Occupations Club attended the District IV convention held on Tuesday in Smyth Hall at V. P. I., from 10:30 to 3:00. Members of the local club who attended in addition to Mrs. Joan Smith, Coordinator, were Christine Irby, Robert Pankey, Roy Frankin, James Almond and Gene Davis. The attendance at the convention was over 100, which represented members from eight schools.

Dr. Sid Carpenter, professor at V. P. I., welcomed the students to the V. P. I. campus. He explained briefly the building program now under way at V. P. I. He also told the students of future plans for curriculums in the trades and industry and for Diversified Occupations.

During the afternoon session contest awards were given. The Appomattox Club received first place in the Club Scrapbook Contest and Christine Irby won first place in the Occupational Scrapbook Contest. These two entries will be entered in the State Convention Contests representing the fourth district. After the awards were made, there was a short business meeting. The tentative agendo for the State Convention, which will be held at the Cavalier Hotel on March 17, 18 and 19, was discussed. Approximately 6 members of the local club and Mrs. Smith are planning to attend this convention.

Food Preservation Project

Four-H Club girls enrolled in the Food Preservation Project, both canning and freezing, will meet at 9:00 A. M., at the office of the county home agent.

The average age of cabinet members is just under 60.

Justice Reed to retire from the Supreme Court.

A further drop in home building is seen for 1957.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Appomattox High Senior News

Much excitment has been taking place among the seniors of Appomattox High School. You probably are aware of the fact that we have been trying to earn money for our senior trip. Some of our projects which may concern you, are as follows: we are selling stationery, brooms, and popcorn at our basketball games. Not only are we thinking about our senior trip, but also we are planning for graduation. Our caps and gowns and invitations have been ordered; however, it is almost impossible to believe that June is almost here, but half of the year passed with our semester exams.

—Janice McClenny, Reporter.

The U. S. economy is called a weapon in world leadership.

THIEF SURPRISED

Hollywood, Calif.- R. P. Cowan and George Pederson, Sheriff's deputies, are smoking in their cars across from a service station. Watching a man in the station, they suddenly realized that he the man was holding up the attendant. When the holdup man looked up while trussing the attendant with wire, he gazed right into the muzzle of Cowan's riot gun. The man, Lester W. Yoder, 25, of Murrieta, Cal., was booked on suspicion of armed robbery.

FIRE GOES TO WATER

Tulare, Cal.- When a fire broke out inside a boxcar holding 84 bales of cotton at the Southern Pacific Railroad depot, firemen from the Division of Forestry had a novel idea. They moved the burning car to a siding beneath a awater tank and doused the flames.

POULTRY MEETINGS PLANNED IN STATE

Management and disease control tips will be discussed at a series of poultry meetings in Virginia this month.

The meetings will be conducted at: Spotsylvania, February 12; at Harrisonburg, February 13; Louisa on February 20; Norfolk on February 26; Killiam William on February 27, and Princess Anne, February 28.

Members of the VPI poultry and animal pathology departments will appear on all of the programs. At some, agricultural engineers from VPI also will discuss poultry housing. County agents can give details as to time and place.

It is rumored that Secretary of Defense Wilson will resign before the end of the year.

A. H. S. to play Fluvanna in a basketball game here Friday night.

A feature wrestling card is being presented tonight at the City Armory in Lynchburg.

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Liberty Ch

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 6.- Mrs. Percy Garrette visited Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr., of burg Saturday evening.

Miss Linda Scruggs, of ham was a week-end visitor Becky Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornley ed Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen day evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin and daughter were supper Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs, of Buckingham.

Birthday Li

Lawane Martin, Feb. 8.

Demonstrat Club Sched

Making best use of freezer will be the topic ings of county home demo clubs next week. The sch

Tuesday, Feb. 12.- Clo Home Demonstration Club at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Inge. Mrs. Verna Gomer J. L. Torrence will give onstration.

Thursday, Feb. 14.- Th wall Home Demonstration meet at the Stonewall C Center, with Mrs. W. E. B Jr. and Mrs. B. D. Stras hostesses. Mrs. L. B. Tho Mrs. Wilton Routon will demonstration.

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PERSONALS

ther H. Franklin is a patient Memorial Hospital.

and Mrs. E. L. Stanley and spent the weekend with re- in Baltimore.

, and Mrs. A. Judson Busch, folk, were guests on Monday of Mrs. W. B. Caldwell.

bert C. Hubbard made a busi- trip to Baltimore Monday and ay of this week.

and Mrs. C. Lewis McDear ell return Saturday, from a week cruise.

. J. C. Davidson is spending days in Cumberland visiting ves.

and Mrs. Ed Blackwell and thalie Robertson visited Mrs. Chernault Saturday evening.

Kitty V. Wood spent the end in Roanoke visiting rela-

T. Crawley, of Richmond, his mother, Mrs. L. Crawe Thursday of last week.

and Mrs. E. W. McClintic, of burg, were dinner guests on Inge. Mrs. Verna Gomer and Mrs. R. E. Fore, nplin.

and Mrs. E. C. Rogers were Saturday evening of Mr. rs. R. W. Covington, of Pam-

and Mrs. Alonza Martin, of g, were dinner guests Sun- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. An- Webb.

L. M. Lewis returned home from the Virginia Baptist , where she underwent an last week.

Ferguson left today to the week-end in Huntington, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Nor- ese.

master and Mrs. Richard L. have announced the birth n, Richard L. Wingfield, Jr., at the Virginia Baptist Hos- on February 4.

and Mrs. Bobby W. Phelps rrive this week from Colum- Ohio to make their home here pomattox. He has just com- his four years of service ng U. S. Air Force.

y G. Lawson, a third-year at the University of Vir- made the Dean's List for the mester. Lawson is a pre-law

Margaret W. Calcott was to Norfolk Friday on ac- of the death of her step- Mrs. Robert Whitehead. Whitehead died unexpectedly visiting relatives in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rush and family have moved to Spout Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Marshall and family will occupy the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Rush on Route 26

Harry Lee Lovell, who has been a patient at the Medical College Hospital for several weeks, after being an infantile paralysis victim, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Crawley and two children, Mary Lynn and Catherine Marshall, of Richmond, were guests Sunday of his mother, Mrs. L. Crawley. Mrs. Crawley accompanied them to Richmond for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Hall and family visited James D. Hall at Duke University Hospital Sunday. James is looking forward to visiting his home here in March, after being away over a year. He will make periodical visits to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock have sold their home in Amherst, and are remodeling a spacious colonial type home at Clifford, to which they will move March 1. Mrs. Babcock visited Sunday night with the Babcocks.

W. T. Coleman, of Spout Spring, Mrs. Kathleen Collins and Frank and Willie Coleman, of Washington, D. C., were Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Conner.

C. H. Gearhart, Jr., of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Speir and children, Reggie and Cheryl, of Farmville, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Webb.

Raymond F. Jamerson is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, where he was carried Monday after suffering painful injuries in a fall. His mother, Mrs. Ella Jamerson, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb and son, Douglas, plan to spend Sunday in Roanoke with Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawkins. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins will return Saturday from a two-week Virginia Cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Pulliam and son, Herbie, and Miss Frankie McKinney spent several days

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burton and children, Patricia, Lawrence Jr. and Katherine, of Stuarl, and Miss Kate O'Brien, of Farmville, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien. Other guests Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dahl and son, Allen, of Farmville.

Mrs. Pauline Gleam and sister, Mrs. Kathleen Collins visited Mrs. D. A. Conner Monday.

Miss Ann Mann, of Petersburg, was a luncheon guest Friday of Mrs. Rachel P. Lawson. Miss Mann also visited Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Moore in the afternoon.

Society

ANN WAVERLY BROWN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Waverly Brown entertained with a party in their home at Gladstone, Saturday, February 2, celebrating the third birthday of their daughter, Ann Waverly. Sharing in the honors of the occasion were Nellyrae Coleman, of Appomattox and Susan Spencer Jobe, of Gladstone, whose birthdays are the same day.

A color scheme of green and yellow was carried out with a flower arrangements of jonquils and greens centering the dining room table, a birthday cake in the shape of a figure "3," with green and yellow decorations, and balloons and other decorations.

Refreshments were served and each guest was presented with favors.

Present besides the honoree and those mentioned were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Russell Turneos, of Concord, maternal grandparents, and Robert Lee Brown, paternal grandmother, and Mrs. Mamie Dyson, of Richmond, great aunt of the honoree; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dyson, and Gayle and Frankie Dyson, of Richmond; Doug Webb and Nancy Christopher, of Appomattox; Julia Hesson, Lark and Leo Godwin, Judy Burge, Stevie Miller, Tamara Goolsby, David Jobe, Pat Cobbs, and Billy Quinn all of Gladstone.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The January meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Elementary School, on Jan. 25. After a business session, Mrs. Frank Mabley gave an interesting and informative demonstration on Ceramics.

Money has been appropriated for additional dogwoods to be planted along the highway to the McLean House grounds. The club also voted willingness to cooperate in plans for tieing in with the Jamestown Festival.

Homemakers Items

The quickest way to get curtain hems even and straight is to adjust the hems as you would on a skirt, advise VPI home economists. Hang the un-hemmed curtains and arrange pleats or gathers in place. Use a yardstick to measure from the floor to the desired length, then mark the hem. After pinning, remove curtains from rod, turn up hem along the line of the marking, hem and press.

Looking for something a little out of the ordinary for lunch? Nutrition specialists at VPI offer this quick beet soup. Add finely chopped, cooked beets, to meat broth, along with chopped, cooked onions, carrots or cabbage. Season to taste and serve hot. Sour cream makes a good topping.

Garments made of fabrics that call for "drip drying" should be laundered carefully. When hanging these garments on the line to dry, lift them from the rinse water carefully and hang them smoothly. Do not wring, twist, or squeeze them. Smoothing out the seam-line with your fingers helps eliminate extra pressing.

To give new zip to plain vegetables such as turnips, broccoli, kohlrabi, and brussel sprouts, try a mustard and butter sauce. Use two tablespoons of prepared mustard to four tablespoons melted butter.

A smooth cheese sauce will also give a party atmosphere to plain vegetables. Add one-half cup of cheese cubes to a basic white sauce recipe. Stir the mixture over heat until it is smooth and golden.

When curtain rods are rough and snag your curtains, dip one end of the rod in melted paraffin and let it harden. Then slip that end of the rod through the curtains when you are ready to hang them.

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Health and Beauty

For many busy homemakers about the only time during the day they can call their own is bath time.

Choose a time when the children are playing with their friends and take a lingering bath. Try to forget all your problems for a few minutes and just relax. This will do wonders for your nerves and help your personality at the same time.

One's hair should be shampoed once a week — more often if you have an oily scalp. If your scalp tends to be dry, occasionally give yourself a hot oil treatment. This will keep the ends of your hair from being dry and lifeless-looking.

Most of us keep our hands presentable. However, don't overlook your feet. Keep the toenails pedicured and treat your feet to a dose of hand lotion every day.

If you have a dry skin, a steady regime of soap and water is not the thing for you. Wash your face once a day, at night is the best— and rinse well, pat dry. Use the mildest soap. Immediately apply an emollient cream.

An oily skin must be kept immaculately clean. Washing with soap and water three times a day is usually not too often. If blackheads are a problem, use cleansing grains on spots around the nose and chin area.

An allergic skin is the biggest problem of all. Consult your doctor and use only cosmetics that have been formulated for sensitive skins.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

If you dream of quick color for your flower border or window box the coming summer, try coleus. With them you don't even have to wait for bloom. All the color you could want is right in the leaves.

The flower spikes are pale by comparison with the lovely brocade, velvet leaves. There is a wide range of bright clear colors from pink, bright yellow-green and salmon, to bronze, deep purple, mahogany, rust and magenta.

The seeds are easy to raise. When they first push through the ground the seedlings are green, but when the third or fourth pair of leaves has formed, they begin to take on adult coloring.

For the best results, coleus like a permanent place in the semi-shade. A little pinching is necessary to shorten over-zealous shoots and develop bushy clumps.

Any favorite color can be perpetuated from year to year by taking cuttings. The seeds do not reproduce replicas of their parents.

Cuttings root easily at any time of year, but with most plants, spring or early summer is most favorable. The most pleasing companions for coleus are blue flowers, like ageratum, blue lobelia, veronica, Bachelor's buttons, delphinium, and forget-me-nots.

Coleus foliage is a favorite for flower arrangement. If you grow coleus indoors in winter, you will have fresh foliage on hand to use for this purpose. It is possible to preserve coleus foliage for dried winter bouquets. Try pressing it between absorbent paper or placing it upside down in a box and carefully covering it with borax until completely dry.

In late summer you can select your handsomest specimens for cuttings to bring inside and carry over winter as pot plants on your sunniest window sill. Regular pruning of potted plants is necessary to keep shapely.

The soil for mature plants should be equal parts of sand, loam and leafmold. At two-week intervals, feed plants a balanced soluble fertilizer to help produce strong, sturdy growth.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Great souls suffer in silence.
—Schiller.

A sadder and a wiser man,
He rose the morrow morn.
—Coleridge.

Poor in abundances, famileh'd at a feast.
—Young.

You praise the townsman's
I the rustic's State;
Admiring others' lots, our own we hate.
—Horace.

Nought's had, all's spent
Where our desire is got without content;
'Tis safer to be that which we destroy
Than by destruction, dwell in doubtful joy.
—Shakespeare.

The gentle mind by gentle deeds is knowne;
For a man by nothing is so well betrayed
As by his manners.
—Spencer.

SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

Washington.- Mickey Mantle wants $75,000 a year to play baseball for the Yankees and he's probably worth it all. Al Kaline wants about half that much and he definitely is worth that. And if Kaline had not slumped in the first part of the 1956 season he would be worth more.

You have to consider what a drawing card a fellow like Mantle is to understand how a club could pay him such wampum and come out on the long end. Kaline also is a gate attraction but his early-season trouble last year dimmed his appeal. He will have to lead his club to a pennant, or have a couple of steady seasons, or a great year this season, or such, to earn much more money.

Back when The Babe was headlines he got more than $75,000 but the money was well spent. Ruth packed'em in and was highly colorful, almost part showman. With his ability at the plate, it made for a rare combination of skill, fan interest and good business. Tye Cobb was also a showman, in a sense.

People came to see him because he was probably the greatest all-round ballplayer the game has ever known, And he had such fire he was sure to give everyone a good show before it was all over. Even the opposing team sensed Cobb's great determination and it sometimes put members of the team on edge.

Mantle doesn't stir the same reactions but he is the closest thing today to a one-man show. He swings either way and has few weaknesses at the plate. He is almost the personification of what most people think is the typical American boy. He is a Yankee. And he leads the league in the statistics race. For these things people will buy a ticket.

As far as management is concerned, it makes little difference — in one sense — what characteristics or talents a player has to draw customers into the park. In fact, a row over salary terms is even good publicity in one sense. At least the publicity hounds in Hollywood would tell you so. That focuses attention on a star and if he gets what he demands, fans want to take a look to see if he's worth it.

Mantle is not out after the publicity. He wants the money. And while he might ink a contract before you read this, his idea is that he is worth $75,000 to the club.

The Only Way

The charm courses don't emphasize it, but actually there is no way a woman can get into a 1957 car gracefully, short of having the vehicle built around her.

—Detroit News.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

IN FASHION NOW

Many of the old rules of choosing clothes and color combinations have changed of late. One of the most welcomed changes is that the color red and the color pink should never be used together.

There was never too much foundation for this argument because pink is little more than a watered-down red.

This red and pink combination is going to be very popular this coming spring and summer. It is being featured in a well-known bathing suit line. What is more, the model chosen by the designer to display his striking suit had red hair.

Navy blue is being picked-up with Kelly green. An unusual combination that has a lot of style.

Many unusual color and texture combinations have been worked out to give life to the coming season's clothes. Cotton lace over a background of another color has been good for the past few summers. This summer you will see some really eye-catching combinations here.

Black and white are always good but you will see these two colors used together and accented with yellow, orange, any color bright enough to make you sit up and take notice.

AN OLD VALENTINE

(Note: Poem below reprinted from Feb. issue Patricia Ann Leader).

I wandered to an attic where lacy cobwebs swayed;
Where sunbeams, dusty golden, were dancing as they strayed;
And as I crossed the threshold with footsteps soft and slow,
I felt the hidden presence of ghosts of long ago.

I saw a wooden chest there with rusty lock and key;
And when I knelt before it my dreaming eyes could see,
Initials twined together and carving almost hid
By scratches, deeply graven upon the polished lid.

I knelt beside it, silent, and opened it with care;
I felt as if some girl-soul were standing by me there;
For dainty garments whispered and perfumed laces sung
Of morning, and of springtime, when all the world was young.

I saw a folded paper, all yellow with the years,
Perhaps the print of kisses, perhaps the mark of tears
Had touched it once . . . for fastened with a bow of faded blue,
It whispered through the ages a message, "I love you!"

I laid it gently from me and closed the chest with care,
And breathing through the stillness I heard behind me there
A murmur . . half a love word, and half, perhaps, a sigh . .
The phantom of a heart-beat of many years gone by.

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